

Dear Amy;

I showed you the documentaries that I had watched: "[CitizenFour](#)" & "[1971](#)." We talked about the NSA, privacy & the toss-away quote, "Hey, if you've haven't done anything wrong then, you have nothing to worry about." We disagreed on this point.

So, I thought I'd assemble a few articles, websites, and documentaries for you. The various materials below provides a very different picture of these important issues. Although I agree with the sentiment, "if you've haven't done anything wrong...", reality calmly says, "no."

Years ago, we discussed beliefs. And I try not to have them. Instead, I prefer to learn, think, question, and understand any issue. Rumours, hasbara, & propaganda dulls our senses. I'm learning--and I love--to give information to people. By doing so, it may pierce their beliefs. It seems that what we believe in arrives to us from the external; parents, society, race, culture, religion & nationalism. Critical thinking begins inside & is then expressed outwardly.

I hope you feel that I'm not brow-beating with this info. My intent is to be helpful. *By: You know.* Monday, November 13, 2017

^ 7 reasons why 'I've got nothing to hide' is the wrong response to mass surveillance Posted: [Mass Surveillance](#) WED, APRIL 29, 2015 - 12:31

<https://www.amnesty.ca/blog/7-reasons-why-%E2%80%99%E2%80%99ve-got-nothing-to-hide%E2%80%99-is-the-wrong-response-to-mass-surveillance>



When we launched [#UnfollowMe, our campaign to end governments' use of mass surveillance](#), the Amnesty Facebook and Twitter feeds were swamped. A lot of people told us: "If you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear". The reasoning goes that if you've done nothing wrong, it doesn't matter if governments want to collect all your data, emails, phone calls, webcam images and internet searches, because they won't find anything of interest. It's an attractive argument, but it's not right – and here's why.

A lot has been [written](#) about this [issue](#), but for answers we looked through the responses of Amnesty supporters on Facebook. We've used your [comments](#) to explain why "nothing to hide" is the wrong way to respond to governments' use of mass surveillance.

1. “Privacy should be a right unless something is done that arouses legitimate suspicion.”--Karine Davison

Usually, governments conduct targeted surveillance, when they monitor a person or group for specific, legitimate reasons. For this, they'll need to get permission from a judge, for example to monitor the internet use of someone they suspect of criminal activities. If surveillance is indiscriminate, our communications are being monitored without any reasonable suspicion that we might be doing something dodgy. Governments are treating us all like criminal suspects, and every detail of our personal lives as suspicious. And there are few laws to control what they're doing.

2. “So no problem with a webcam in your bathroom or your bedroom either?”--Ulf Carsson

You may not think you care about your privacy but the chances are you probably do. Every day we do things in our homes that we wouldn't do in public. It's not because we have something to hide, but just that there are parts of our lives we'd rather keep private. John Oliver, host of US TV show Last Week Tonight, asked people in New York how they felt about governments looking at their personal, sexual pictures (although he put it a little more crudely). Unsurprisingly, people feel less comfortable when they think of government agents looking at their most private images.

3. “BTW wanting my privacy is NOT equal to have something to hide.”--James Earl Walsh

Mass surveillance is an unprecedented intrusion into the privacy of ordinary people. At no point in history have we accepted that governments should be able to monitor everything we do to keep us safe. Imagine if we were told they wanted to install cameras in our living rooms, or microphones under tables in coffee shops, to ensure they could catch criminals. This is the physical-world equivalent of online mass surveillance. It's a huge overreach of government power and we consent to it every time we say we have “nothing to hide”. Instead, we should say to governments: “I have nothing to hide and my private business is none of yours”.

4. “Nothing to hide – as long as you agree 100% with the outlook and policies of your government.”--Emily Kate Goulding

Much like the right to protest, our privacy is something we notice more when it’s taken away. Throughout history, seemingly innocent information about people has been used to persecute them during moments of crisis. You may trust your current government to look for criminals and not do anything dishonest with your data. But what if it changed and shifted dramatically to the left or the right? In these situations, authorities could gather data to find and crackdown on groups they disagree with. They could use the information to target journalists, persecute activists and discriminate against minorities.

5. “The premise is that the ones behind the cameras will have the best interests of the people at heart.”--Roland van der Sluijs

You may think you have done nothing wrong, but that puts blind faith in the people looking at your data to think the same way. As NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden told us: “These people are looking for criminals. You could be the most innocent person in the world, but if somebody programmed to see patterns of criminality looks at your data, they’re not going to find you – they’re going to find a criminal.”

6. “Do you really want to live a life of mindless repetition, obeying everything?”--Jia Hengjian

Evidence suggests that knowing you are being monitored changes your behaviour. And, as we become more aware of the computer algorithms and databases used to predict criminal activity, we will become more wary of what we say and do online. We will start to avoid saying or doing anything controversial, in case it is misconstrued. As a result, societies will become very conformist, with no-one willing to challenge the status quo.

7. “If we have nothing to hide, why are we under surveillance?”--Jake Lawler

In a nutshell, the best response to “I’ve got nothing to hide” will always be: “If I have done nothing wrong, why is my privacy being violated?”

“Just because you're not doing something wrong doesn't mean you shouldn't be allowed privacy.”---
Trilogy Gunby

“We have a RIGHT to privacy. If someone is suspected of some kind of criminal activity, then a court order for surveillance should be obtained.”---Amy Rouby

“When any kind of dissent from the status quo becomes illegal, resistance becomes nearly impossible. As long as you never question anything those in power do, you'll be safe. Hurray.”---Roland van der Sluijs

^ Mass Surveillance

<http://www.amnesty.ca/our-work/issues/surveillance-security-and-human-rights/mass-surveillance> **Our Work: Issues: Surveillance, Security and Human Rights**



If you are on the internet or use a mobile phone, odds are you are being followed by governments through wide sweeping mass surveillance programs. This isn't just part of life in the 21st century, its' illegal and a human rights violation.

Watch the video > **(VID INFO BELOW)**

^ Ban Mass Surveillance

1:12 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N97PhOIs1I4>

[Amnesty International](#)

5,127 views

Published on Jun 5, 2015



Sign the petition today:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/get-involved/take-action/action-unfollowme-tell-governments-to-ban-mass-surveillance/> **(PAGE DOES NOT EXIST)**

Action: Tell governments to ban the use of mass surveillance. Mass surveillance is out of control – it invades our privacy and threatens free speech

12 Comments

Amnesty International's #UnfollowMe campaign calls on governments to ban mass surveillance and unlawful intelligence sharing. All countries should have strong legal safeguards to protect people against unlawful interception of their communications and their private lives.

<http://e-activist.com/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1770&ea.campaign.id=36786>

Every border you cross, every purchase you make, every call you dial, every cell phone tower you pass, friend you keep, article you write, site you visit... is in the

^ Nothing to hide argument (WIKI)

(NOTE: If you wish to read the full Wikipedia page, please go to:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nothing_to_hide_argument)

The **nothing to hide argument** states that government [surveillance](#) programs do not threaten [privacy](#) unless they uncover illegal activities, and that if they do uncover illegal activities, the person committing these activities does not have the right to keep them private. Hence, a person who favors this argument may state "I've got nothing to hide" and therefore does not express opposition to government surveillance.^[1] An individual using this argument may say that a person should not have worries about government or surveillance if he/she has "nothing to hide."^[2]

The motto "If you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear" has been used in the [closed-circuit television](#) program practiced in the [United Kingdom](#).^[3]

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^ UnfollowMe-Tell governments to ban mass surveillance

<http://e-activist.com/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1770&ea.campaign.id=36786>



People have taken action! Help us build momentum by contributing support.

Sign our petition today, and call on Canada, the USA, UK, Australia and New Zealand – to end indiscriminate mass surveillance.

Governments are snooping on everything we do online. State intelligence and security agencies are using mass surveillance to collect our private emails, calls, internet searches, contact lists, phone locations, webcam images and more.

STOP GOVERNMENTS SNOOPING ON EVERYTHING WE DO ONLINE.

Together, we're calling on the leaders of Canada, USA, UK, Australia and New Zealand to:

End indiscriminate mass surveillance and ensure all communications surveillance complies with international human rights law.



Ensure surveillance of communications only happens when it's targeted, based on sufficient evidence of wrongdoing, and authorised by a strictly independent authority, such as a judge.

Make rules and policies about surveillance publicly available, including how governments are sharing information with other states.

Ensure there is **transparent and independent parliamentary and judicial oversight** of surveillance powers.

Protect people from indiscriminate surveillance by other states.

End intelligence-sharing with foreign states when it subjects people's communications to surveillance that contravenes international human rights law.

Sign your name today and together we can stop governments snooping on our private communications.

^ **Ban Mass Surveillance (on YouTube)**

1:12 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N97PhOIs1I4>

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[Amnesty's #UnfollowMe campaign](#) is a worldwide effort to ban mass surveillance and unlawful information sharing.

^ Don't Talk to the Police (on YouTube)

46:39 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-7o9xYp7eE>

[Regent University School of Law](#) 443,459 views Published on Mar 20, 2012



Regent Law Professor **James Duane** gives viewers startling reasons why they should always exercise their 5th Amendment rights when questioned by government officials.

Download his article on the topic at:

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1998119 **(Article below)**

Comments are disabled for this video.

^ The Right to Remain Silent: A New Answer to an Old Question

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1998119

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Abstract

When a witness is summoned to testify before a grand jury or at a judicial or legislative proceeding, the lawyer for the witness frequently concludes that it may be in the client's best interest to assert the Fifth Amendment "right to remain silent," at least with respect to certain topics. The lawyer will often give the witness a card to read aloud when asserting that privilege. But precisely what words should the lawyer advise the client to read when invoking the Fifth Amendment privilege?

For more than 100 years, lawyers have shown surprisingly little imagination or ingenuity, advising their clients to state in almost exactly these words: "On the advice of counsel, I respectfully decline to answer on the grounds that it may tend to incriminate me."

This article explains why that unfortunate language is never in the best interests of the witness, and why it naturally tends to sound to most listeners as if the witness is somehow admitting that he cannot tell the truth without confessing that he is guilty of some crime. The article also points out that this archaic invocation is not required by either the language or the theory of the Fifth Amendment, nor by the most recent controlling Supreme Court precedents. The article concludes with a suggestion for an entirely new formulation for invoking the privilege, one which gives greater protection to the rights of the witness and also more faithfully captures what the Supreme Court of the United States has written about the nature of this precious constitutional privilege.

Keywords: Fifth Amendment, self-incrimination, right to remain silent

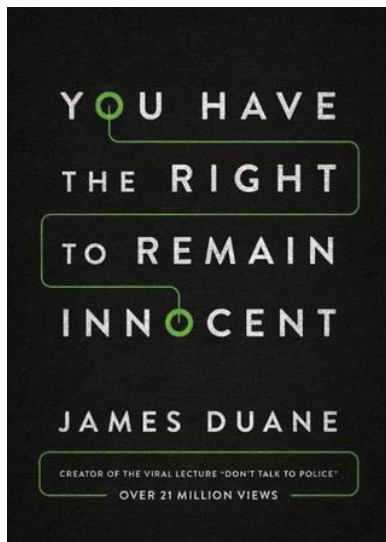
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Books: [*You Have the Right to Remain Innocent*](#), [*Federal Rules of Evidence: Rules, Legislative History, Commentary, and Authority*](#)

^ *Censored* The FBI Knocked on My Door! *Revisited* Official

Version 9:59 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkZusZYywnNg>

[SocialJusticeNOW](#) Views: 18,936 Published: Jul 1, 2010

This version of the video was made because of a privacy complaint made by the FBI to YouTube. The previous versions have been deleted from YouTube, so please spread this to everyone and re-post any comments that were lost.

The Joint Terrorism Task Force Division of the FBI Visits an Austin Peace Activist to Question About Pre-Crimes! On April 21, 2010, two agents of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) came to my house to talk to me, a part time peace volunteer for Palestine. After verifying that they really were with the FBI, I asked them to wait. I shut my door, took a deep breath, and grabbed my video camera.

In an ideal world what prevails is "the truth." Therefore, if you are innocent, you have nothing to fear since ultimately you will be found innocent. But the real world is not ideal; and what really counts in this world of ours is the "perception of truth." Powerful governmental institutions with insurmountable resources at their disposal in terms of skills, money, manpower, organization, computer systems, etc. can create a perception of truth that ends you up in prison—even though you are innocent. This is why there are innocent people on Death Row. Consequently, the only prudent answer, when interrogated by government officials, is to exercise your Right to Remain Silent, and request an attorney, specially, during the current times of political agitation and war hysteria.

Just remember that as Voltaire once said, "It's dangerous to be right when the government is wrong" and that "In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act." -George Orwell

I want to thank Jeffry Zavala for: * Helping me remain anonymous in this video * For creating something to help you if the FBI ever knocks on your door to question you about pre-crimes,* For helping me to tell others about my number one cause: Promoting the "One-State" Solution to the Palestine-Israel conflict, instead of the apartheid-like "Two-State" scenario.

For more information about what to do if you FBI knocks on your door go to:

<https://www.scribd.com/doc/8578721/What-to-Do-if-the-FBI-Comes-to-Your-Door> and <http://aclu.org>. **26 Comments**

^ You Should Have Stayed At Home <http://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1818705754>

NOTE: From the originating network: CBC's "The Fifth Estate."

February 25, 2011 Season 36, Episode 18 Time: 45:09

As controversy continues to swirl around police treatment of G20 protestors, astonishing stories are now emerging about ordinary citizens caught in a huge police dragnet during those three highly charged days in June.

^ You should have stayed at home

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDM3234038&R=3234038>

NOTE: "You Should Have Stayed At Home" docu can also be found @ **Toronto Public Library**.

Branches: Beaches Cedarbrae Downsview Runnymede Toronto Reference Library
Call #: 322.40971 YOU **Year:** 2014, DVD, 42 minutes **Copies:** 5

NOTE: The "You Should Have Stayed At Home" documentary can also be found on **YouTube**.

^ Toronto G20 protests - You Should Have Stayed At Home - the fifth

estate https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sX0BbLc_Plk Time: 40:38 Views: 49,697

[CBC News](#) Published Sep 3, 2014

^ Toronto G20 Exposed 1:36:48 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hcl6aBqZTZI>

Views: 19,842 Published: Oct 28, 2012 Toronto G20 Exposed is an educational documentary that shows, in chronological order, the events that transpired over the G20 weekend in Toronto, Canada. While the mainstream media repeatedly broadcast images of burning police cars and broken windows, the cameras on the ground captured a far more terrifying story. Eyewitness video footage and firsthand accounts featured in this film tell a horrific tale of police brutality, mass arrests, secret laws and outrageous violations of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

^ Under Occupation: Toronto G20 Operation FULL MOVIE Pub: De 14, '10

2:07:53 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YqU9lr9G-0> [LibertyDefender84](#)

Note: this is the director's cut of Toronto G20 Expose